

The deadline to file a response to the Motion expired on February 7, 2022 and Defendants did not respond by that date.

Under these circumstances, the Motion will be allowed.

A judicial settlement conference is set for **Thursday, March 24, 2022** from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

The conference will be conducted by telephone. Call-in information will be provided to defense counsel by separate communication.

Plaintiff shall participate in the conference from the Buncombe County Detention Center, Plaintiff's present place of incarceration. The facility is respectfully requested to ensure that the necessary accommodations are made to allow Plaintiff to participate reasonably in the settlement conference, including participating from in a private setting and with access to his case materials.

Defendants and their counsel may participate in the conference from any location they deem appropriate, provided that Defendants and their counsel participate using a single conference line. Further, in accordance with this district's Local Civil Rule 16.3(d)(2), a person with full authority (not including counsel of record) to settle all pending claims must also participate in the conference on behalf of Defendants, to the extent Defendants themselves do not have such authority. Any such person shall also participate using the same conference line as Defendants and their counsel.

Any request seeking permission to modify the terms of this Order shall be filed no later than March 18, 2022 or be subject to summary denial.

Defense counsel shall ensure that the appropriate person(s), such as Plaintiff's case manager, at the Buncombe County Detention Center receive(s) notice of the conference, including call-in information and a copy of this Order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Plaintiff's Motion for a Judicial Settlement Conference (Doc. 13) is **GRANTED**, as set forth above.

Signed: February 23, 2022

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "W. Carleton Metcalf", written over a horizontal line.

W. Carleton Metcalf
United States Magistrate Judge

